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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

AMSTA-AN-CO

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POLICY STATEMENT #36

SUBJECT: Commander's Policy on Supporting the Anniston Chemical Activity  
Chemical Surety Program

1. The potential lethality of chemical agents/munitions and the current psychological, political, and military implications of the release of chemical agents in the public domain requires rigid and precise controls. To accomplish these ends, the U.S. Army, as well as Anniston Chemical Activity (ANCA), has established a Chemical Surety Program to assure all lethal and incapacitating chemical agents and their related weapon systems are maintained in an environment that enhances safety, security, and reliability. Anniston Army Depot (ANAD) personnel will support the ANCA chemical surety program. All individuals at ANAD have a responsibility to develop and maintain the proper attitude toward chemical agents/munitions which will lead to the conscientious application of these safety, security, and reliability requirements.
2. Chemical Surety Board: I have appointed a Chemical Surety Board to assist in discharging surety duties. The Chemical Surety Board in consonance with the ANAD Chemical Surety Officer will:
  - a. Develop the ANCA Chemical Surety Program.
  - b. Keep the ANAD/ANCA Commanders and staff informed on chemical surety matters to ensure close coordination essential to an effective surety program.
  - c. Maintain liaison with chemical surety officers of higher headquarters.
  - d. Ensure appropriate corrective actions are taken to rectify deficiencies or findings noted during inspections or evaluations.
  - e. Acts as the ANCA point of contact for all chemical matters.
  - f. Adhere to the requirements of ANCAR 50-6 and ANCAR 385-1.

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3. Chemical Personnel Reliability Program (CPRP): Chapter 2 of AR 50-6 and Chapter 5 of ANCAR 50-6, states the policies and procedures on how to screen, evaluate, certify, disqualify, and requalify those who perform chemical surety duties. Anniston Chemical Activity will administer the CPRP for ANAD.

4. Safety: Chemical agent operations conducted at ANAD will be performed with strict adherence to the safety requirements published in local regulations and in higher headquarters guidance. The toxic chemical agent program at ANAD will include a first aid training program, periodic Red Blood Cell Cholinesterase (RBC-ChE) determinations, toxic training, medical examinations, and the assignment of medical information cards. All operations will be planned and conducted with the following principles in mind:

a. Limit the operations to a minimum number of personnel exposed to the minimum amount of hazardous materiel for a minimum period of time consistent with safe and efficient operations.

b. The absence of a written safety requirement does not necessarily mean that no safeguards are required or that inattention to duties will not result in accident or injury. Safe work practice will be observed at all times.

c. All individuals taking part in chemical operations will have read applicable SOPs, sign that they understand same, and be briefed on their specific duties by the supervisor.

5. Security: Chemical agents and their associated weapon systems require special protection because of their military and political importance. The objectives of the chemical security program are to safeguard chemical surety materiel to prevent damage from sabotage, unauthorized use, theft, diversion, or espionage. All requirements contained in AR 190-59 will be strictly adhered to in this regard.

6. Logistics: Under the provisions of 50 USC 1517, movement of chemical agent is authorized for:

a. Necessary transportation associated with the immediate removal and/or disposal of chemical agent in emergency situations, when compliance (50 USC 1511-1521) (e.g., notification, review by Surgeon General) would clearly endanger the health or safety of any person.

b. Shipment of RDTE dilute chemical agent when used to support chemical defensive, demilitarization, disposal, surveillance, environmental monitoring, or intelligence programs. By policy, movement of these chemical agents will be kept to the smallest quantities appropriate to support the above missions with the maximum limit of one liter per primary container and a total aggregate total of ten liters per movement.

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- c. Transportation within the confines of a military installation, as necessary.
- 7. MUNITION STORAGE: Anniston Chemical Activity will ensure continued safe storage of all chemical agents and munitions received, stored, maintained, and demilitarized at ANAD IAW all published directives.
- 8. Chemical surety depends on a continuous review of all these functional areas and immediate elimination of deficiencies. The Chemical Surety Program is not self sustaining, it requires constant attention. Everyone involved in any phase of the Chemical Surety Program must be aware of the continual emphasis this program has, otherwise complacency can gain a "strangle hold" on our program leading to counterproductive or even destructive results.
- 9. This policy statement supersedes Policy Statement #36, 29 Jan 03, SAB.



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